

# Impervious Surface

## Accuracy Assessment and Change Analysis Delaware Coastal Communities

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### Project objectives:

- 1) Assess the accuracy of the impervious GIS layer for 2007 and 2016
- 2) Determine the change in impervious surface cover from 2007 to 2016

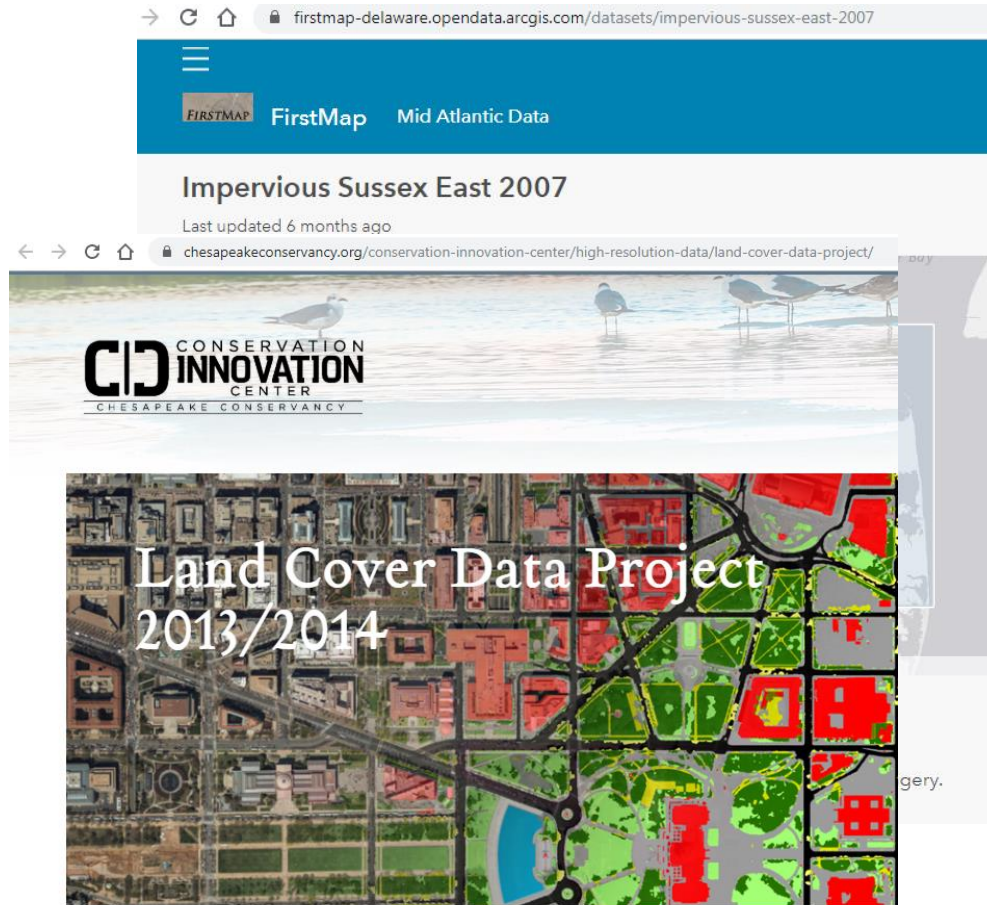
Delaware coastal communities of Cities of **Rehoboth Beach** and **Lewes**, and the Towns of **Henlopen Acres**, **Dewey Beach**, **Bethany Beach**, **South Bethany** and **Fenwick Island**



# Impervious surface data

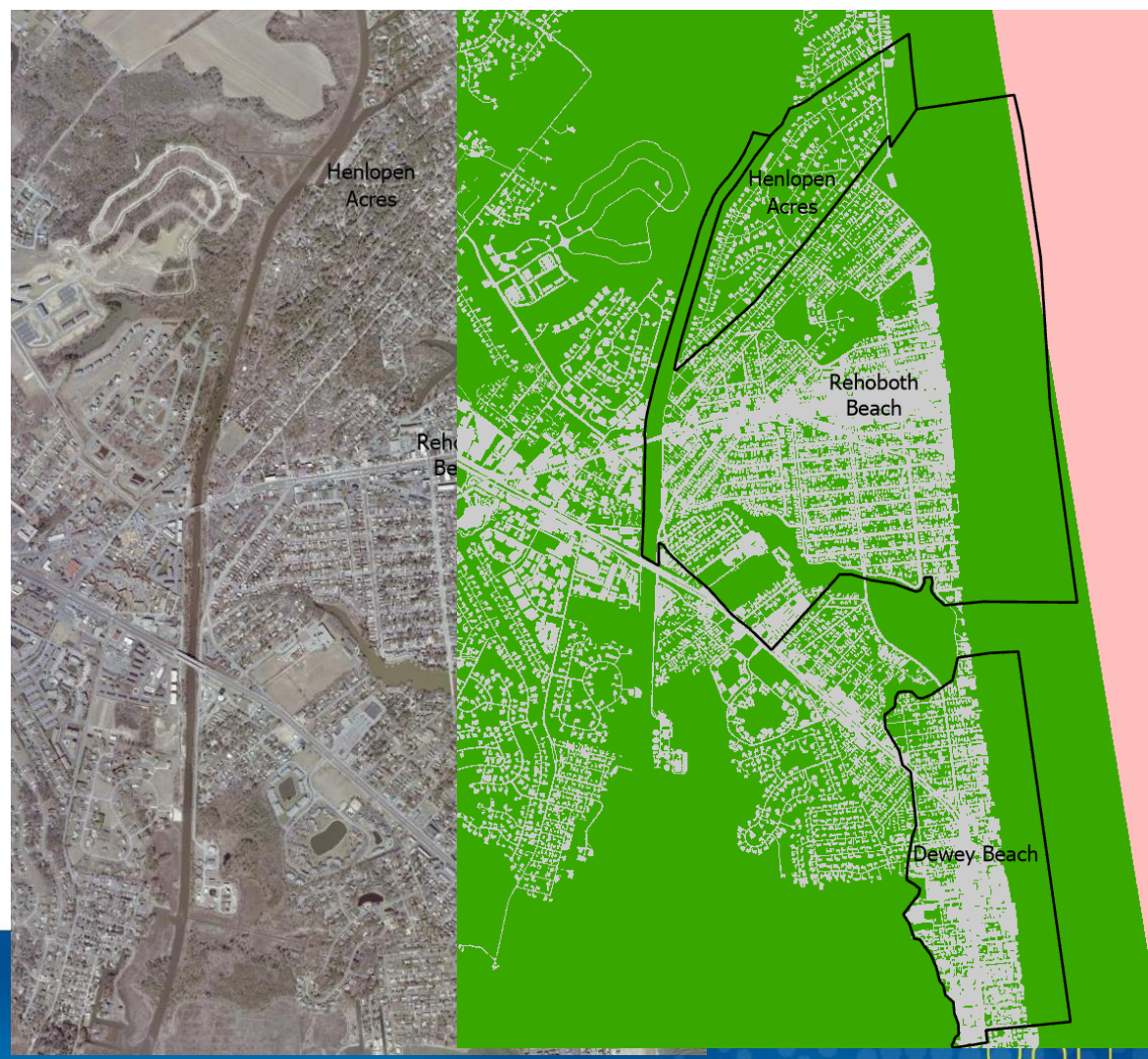
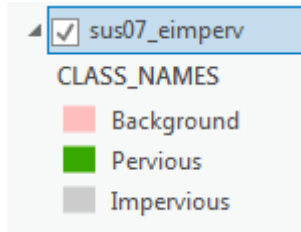
2007 Delaware impervious  
surface layer

2016 Chesapeake Conservancy  
impervious surface layer



# 2007 Delaware Layer

- Based on 2007 aerial imagery
- Imagery at 0.25 meter by 0.25 meter spatial resolution with 4 bands (blue, green, red, NIR)
- Impervious surface layer at 1 meter by 1 meter resolution with 3 pixels values (legend shown below).

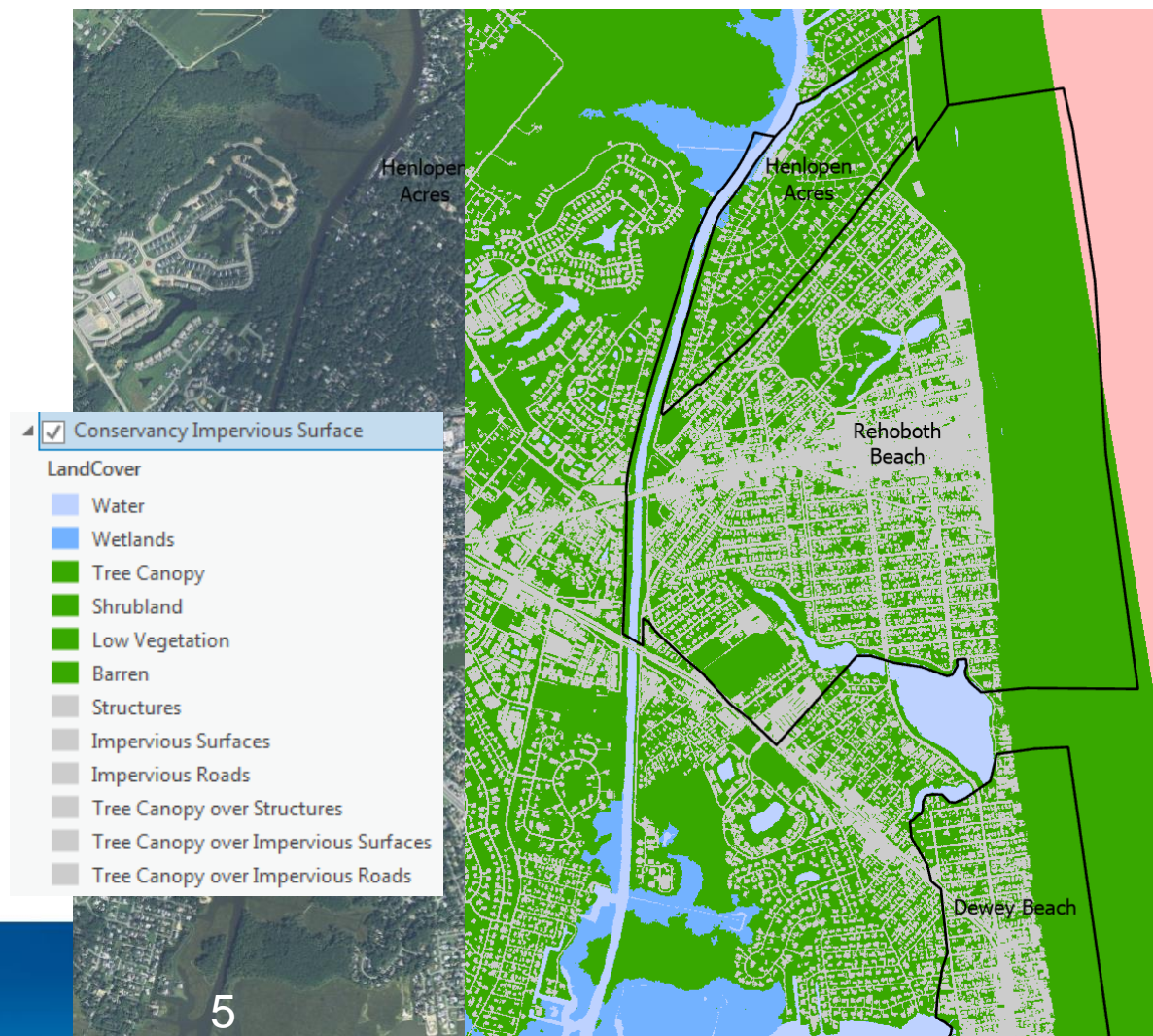






# 2016 Conservancy Layer

- Represents land cover conditions as evident in National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) imagery for years 2013/2014
- Imagery has spatial resolution of 0.5 meter by 0.5 meter with 3 bands (true color – blue, green, red)
- Impervious surface layer at 1 meter spatial resolution with 11 pixel values (shown in legend).







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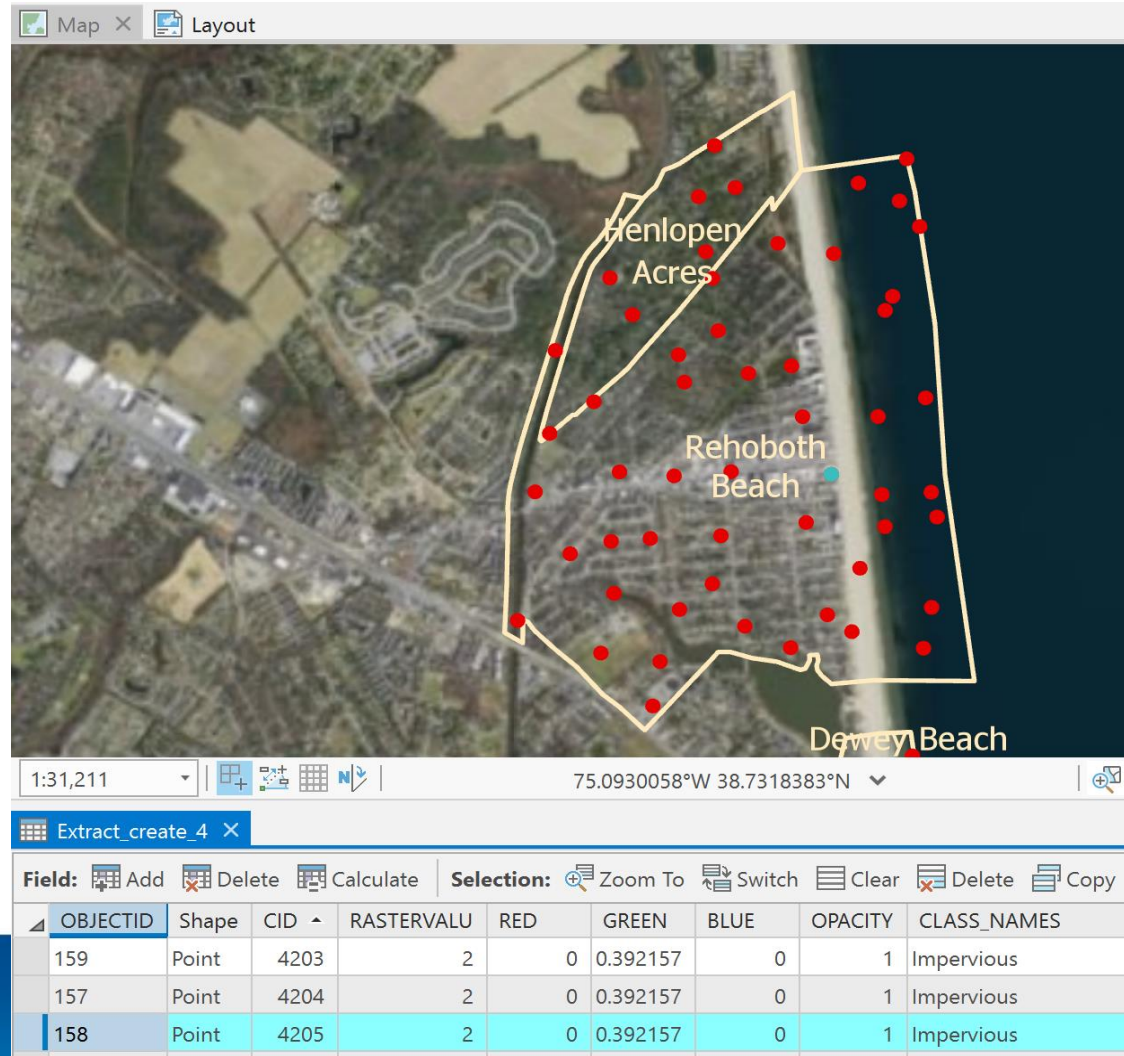
Field: Selection:

OID	Value	Count	LandCover
0	1	142916273	Water
1	2	89577138	Wetlands
2	3	965912194	Tree Canopy
3	4	36357623	Shrubland
4	5	1153336337	Low Vegetation
5	6	18621704	Barren
6	7	36003615	Structures
7	8	45772060	Impervious Surfaces
8	9	44754344	Impervious Roads
9	10	5405006	Tree Canopy over Structures
10	11	6704482	Tree Canopy over Impervious Surfaces
11	12	4595087	Tree Canopy over Impervious Roads



# Accuracy Assessment

1. Created stratified sampling grid of 300 meter by 300 meter, and selected random point within each grid. Resulted in **262** sampling point (red)
2. Assign Delaware and Conservancy layers land cover to each assessment point.
3. Assess whether layers' land cover correct using Google Earth (and StreetView). Checked once by student, second by me.







## Google Earth and StreetView

Example of surfaces difficult to assess





Rehoboth  
Beach



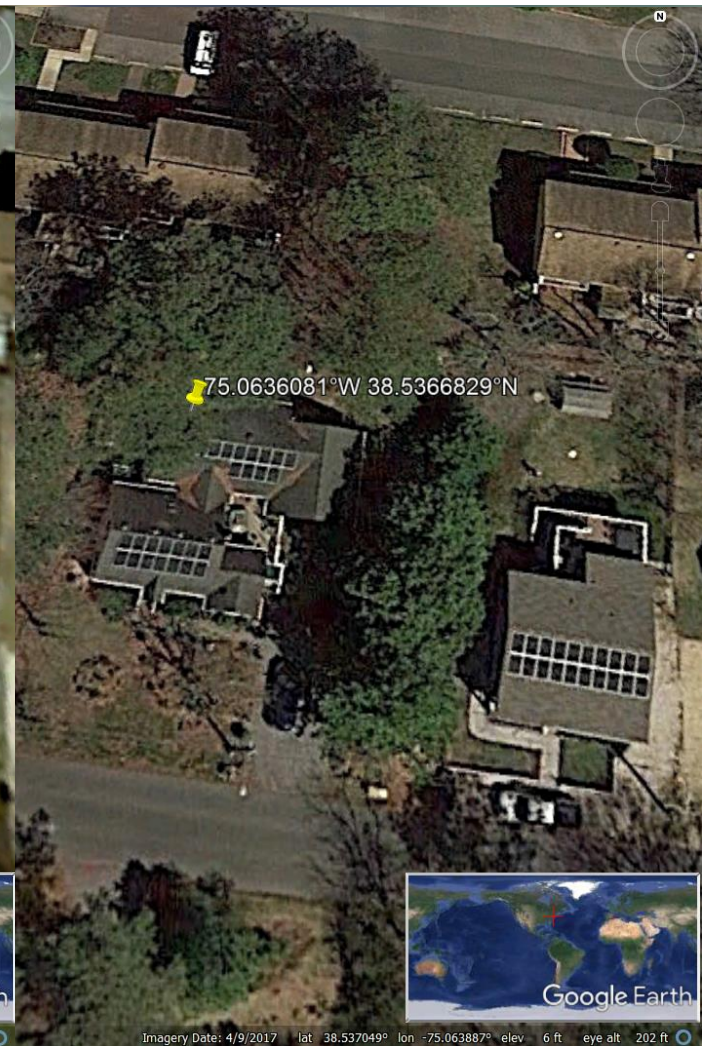
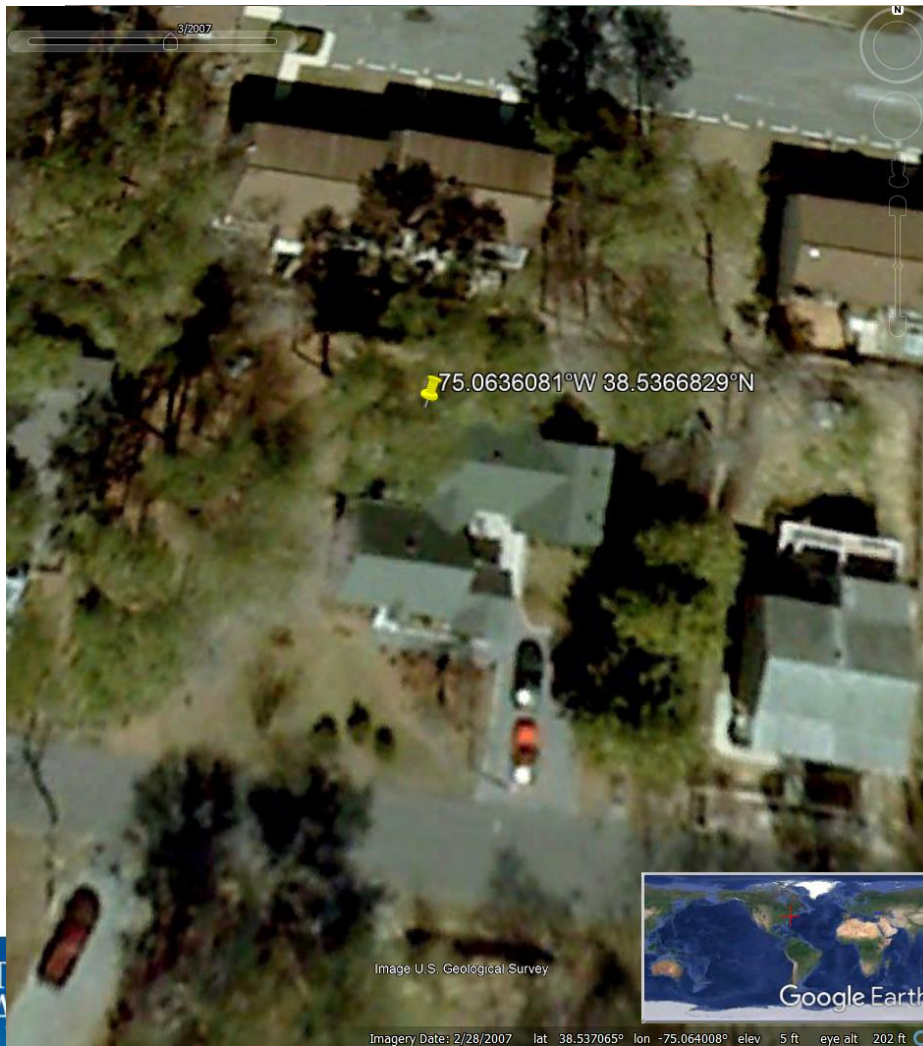
Bethany Beach



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assessment  
point x,y  
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Google Earth

Use of Google  
Earth time  
slider - go back  
to 2007 and  
forward to  
2013/14 and  
today.

1. 2007 Delaware  
imagery
2. 2013 NAIP  
imagery
3. Google Earth  
2007 and 2019





# Accuracy Assessment Results

Of the 262 assessment points, 2 were discarded for the Delaware layer within the background area and 32 discarded for Conservancy layer.

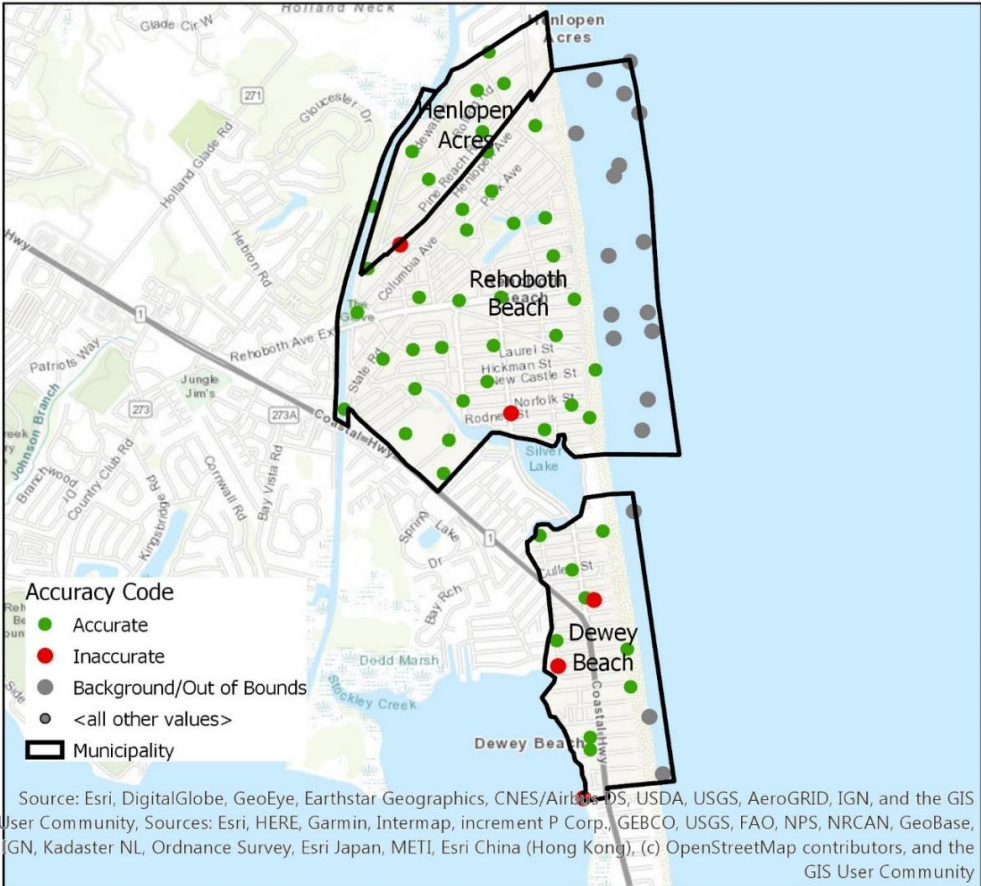
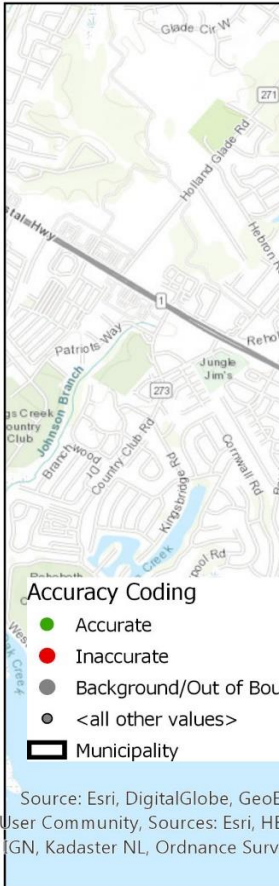
228 assessment point

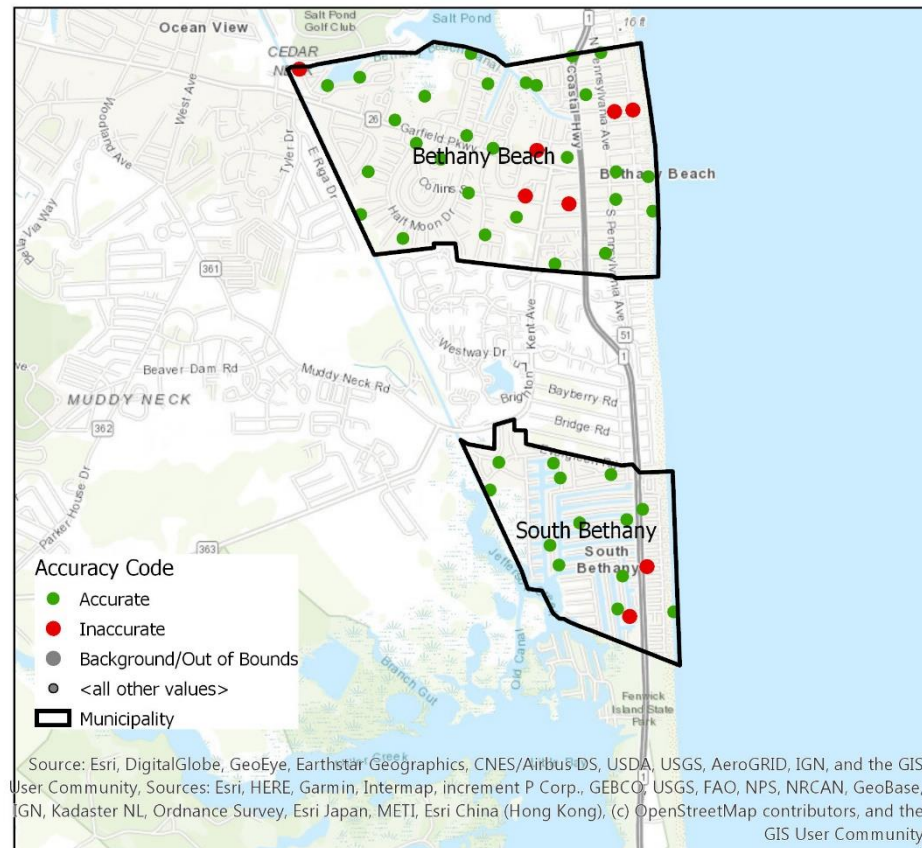
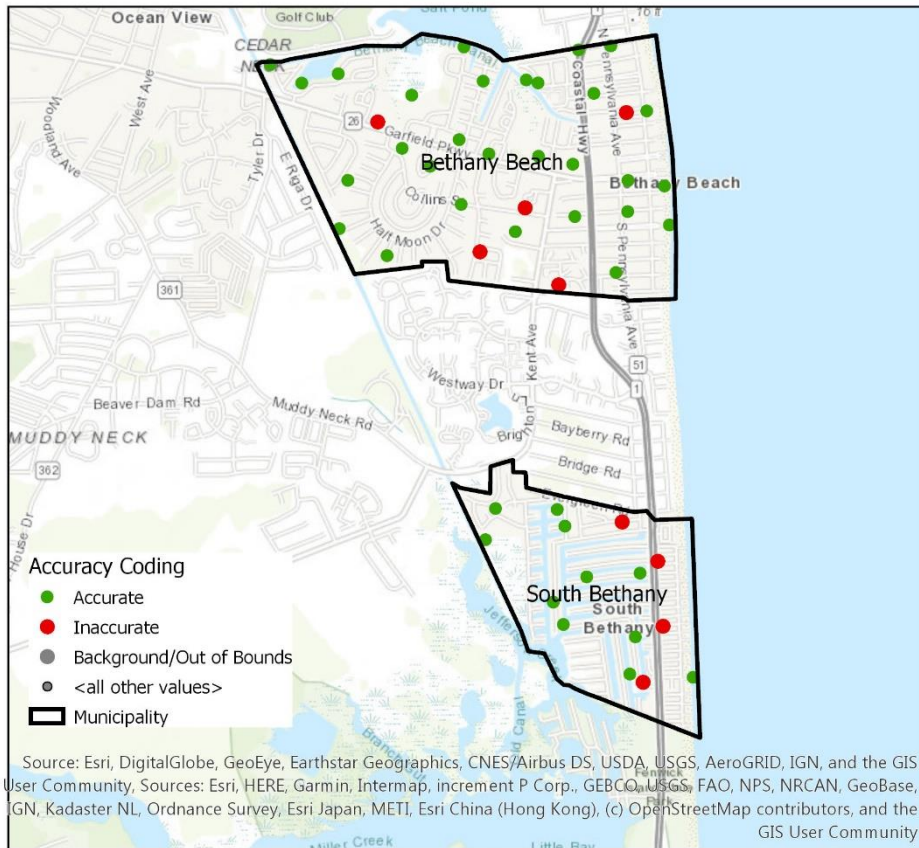
**Delaware layer - 93.5%**

**Conservancy - 92.2%**

2007 Delaware layer (left)

2016 Conservancy layer (right)





# Impervious Surface Cover

Total by municipality  
Change maps





# Total Impervious Cover Area

Municipality	Town Area <sup>1</sup>	2007 Delaware Layer		2016 Conservancy Layer		Imp Sfc Area Change <sup>1,2</sup>	% Imp Sfc Area Change
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Bethany Beach	3.05	1.14	37.39	1.29	42.22	0.15	4.83
Dewey Beach	1.16	0.53	45.18	0.53	45.13	0.00	-0.05
Fenwick Island	1.30	0.41	31.45	0.48	37.10	0.07	5.66
Henlopen Acres	0.67	0.15	22.83	0.16	24.39	0.01	1.56
Lewes	11.94	2.12	17.74	2.32	19.41	0.20	1.67
Rehoboth Beach	3.90	1.35	34.44	1.35	34.70	0.01	0.25
South Bethany	1.37	0.48	35.27	0.59	42.97	0.11	7.71

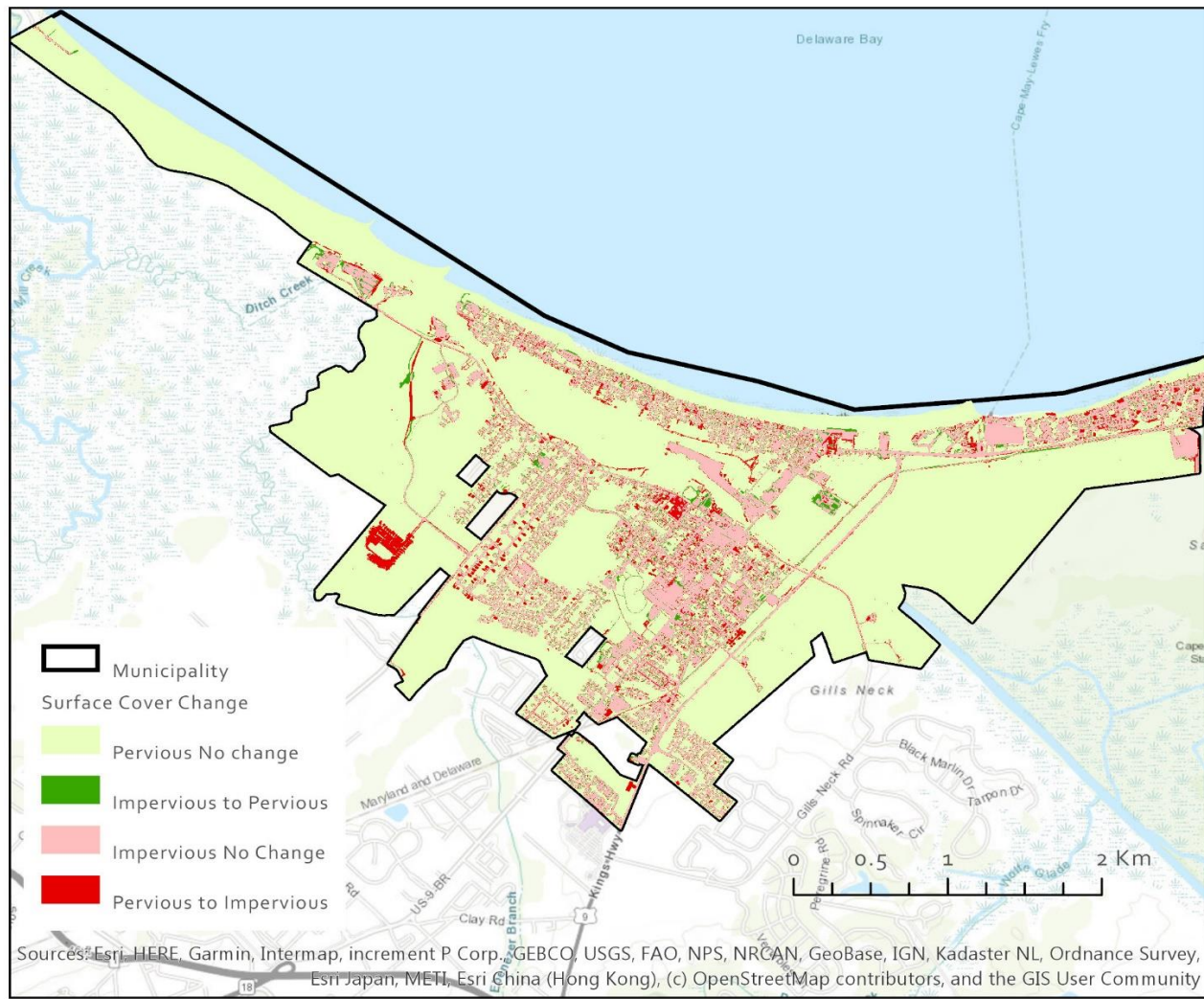
<sup>1</sup>square kilometers

<sup>2</sup>2016 Chesapeake - 2007 Delaware



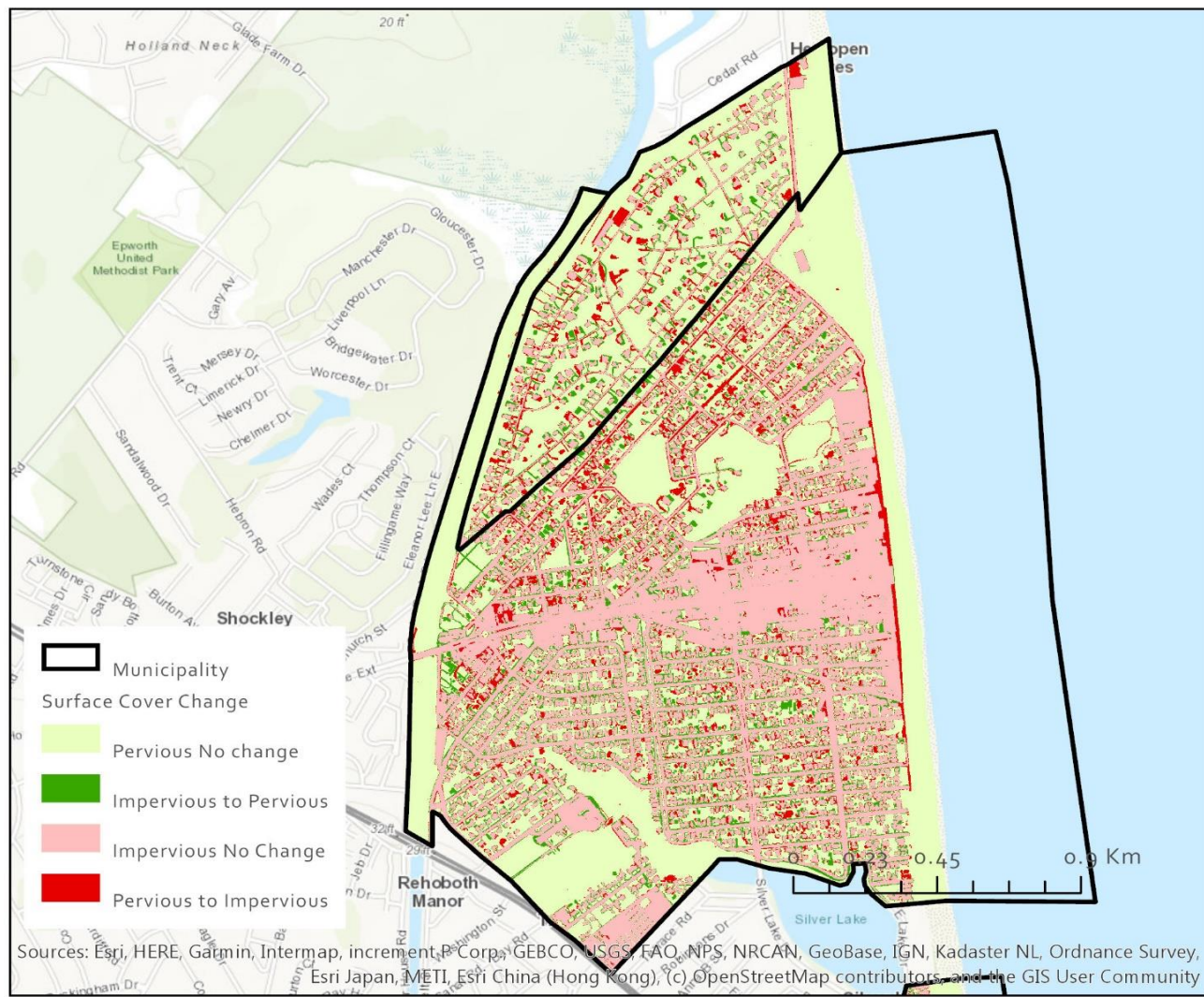
# Impervious Surface Cover Change from 2007 to 2016

Lewes



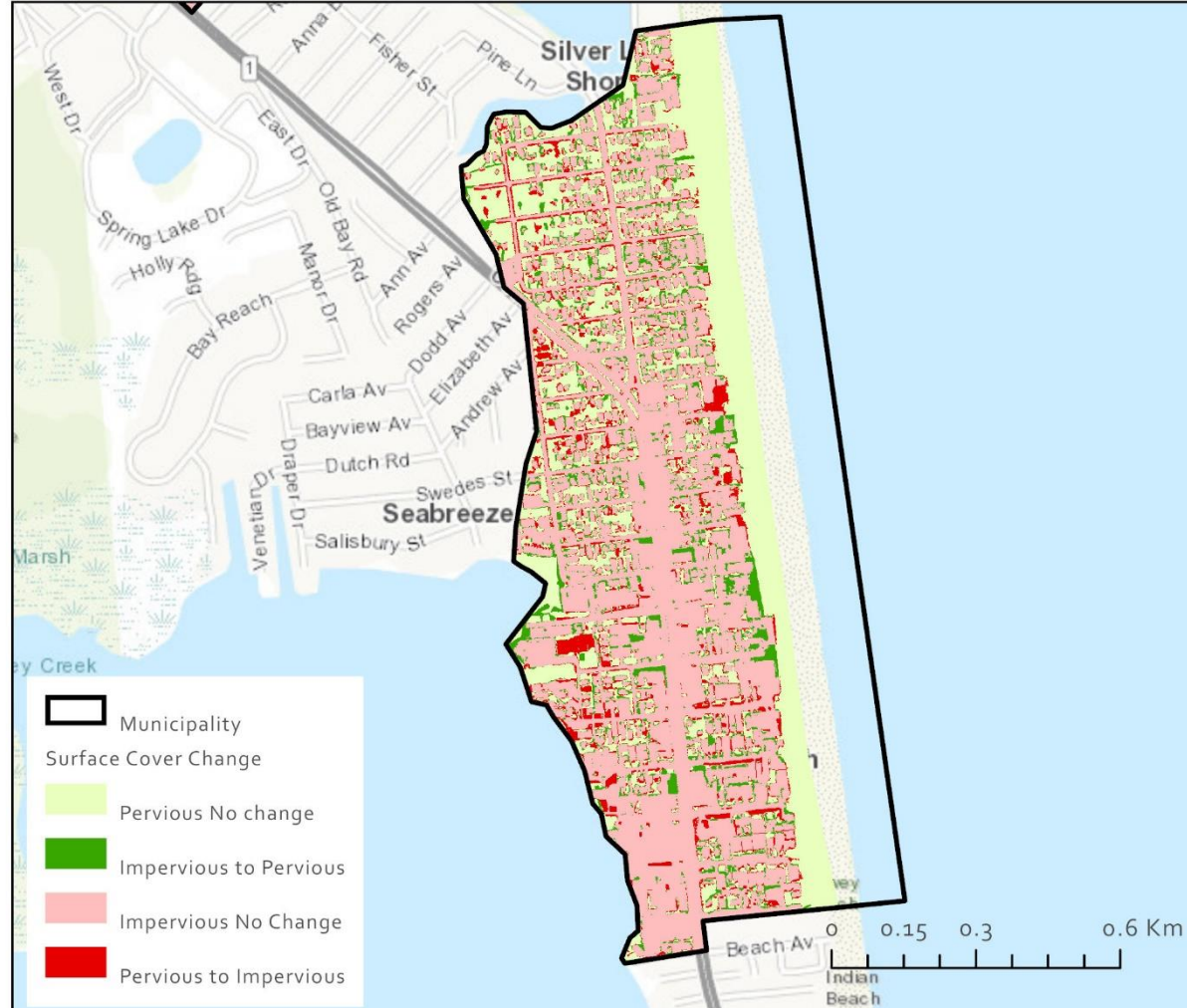
# Henlopen Acres

## Rehoboth Beach





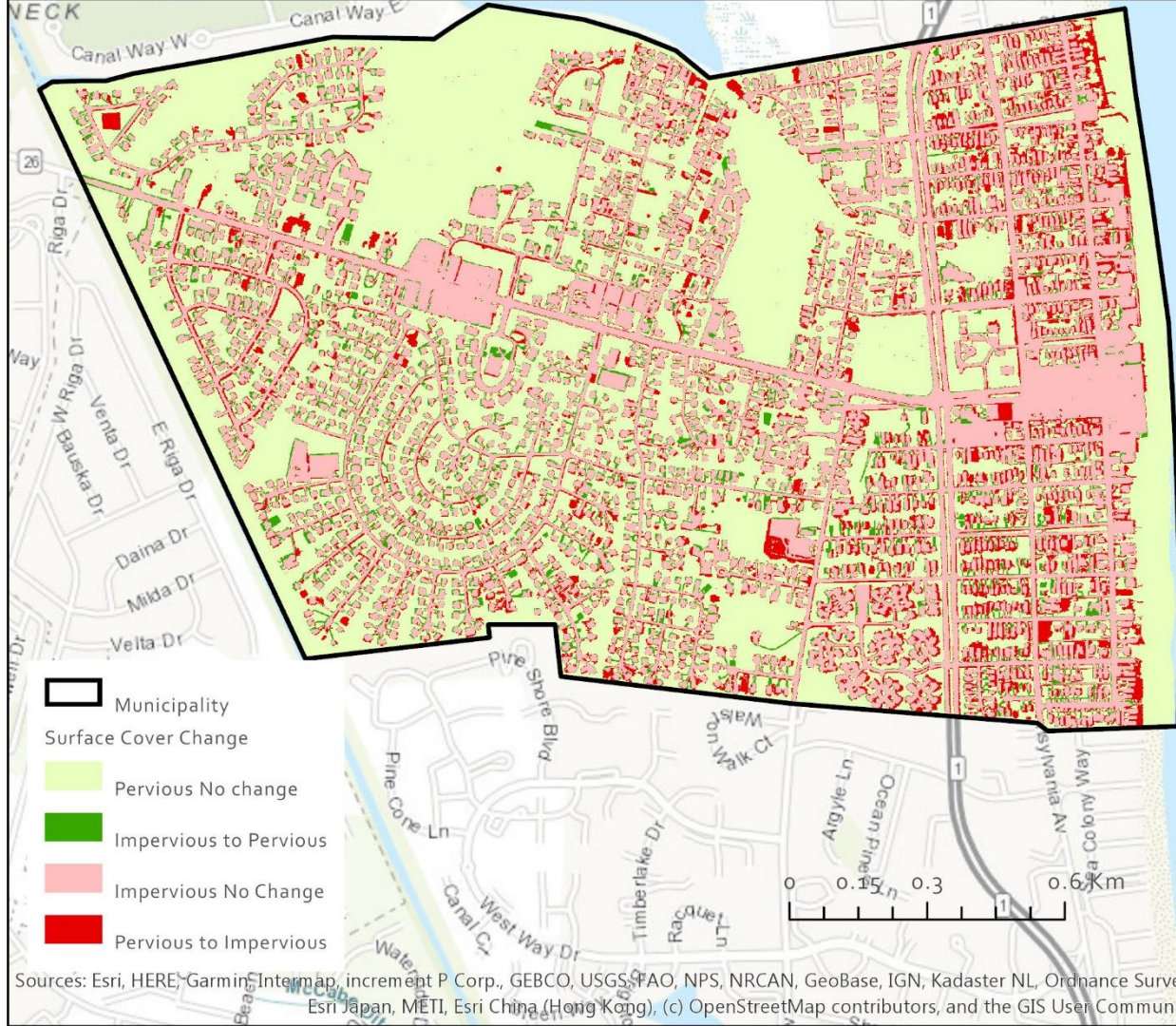
## Dewey Beach



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

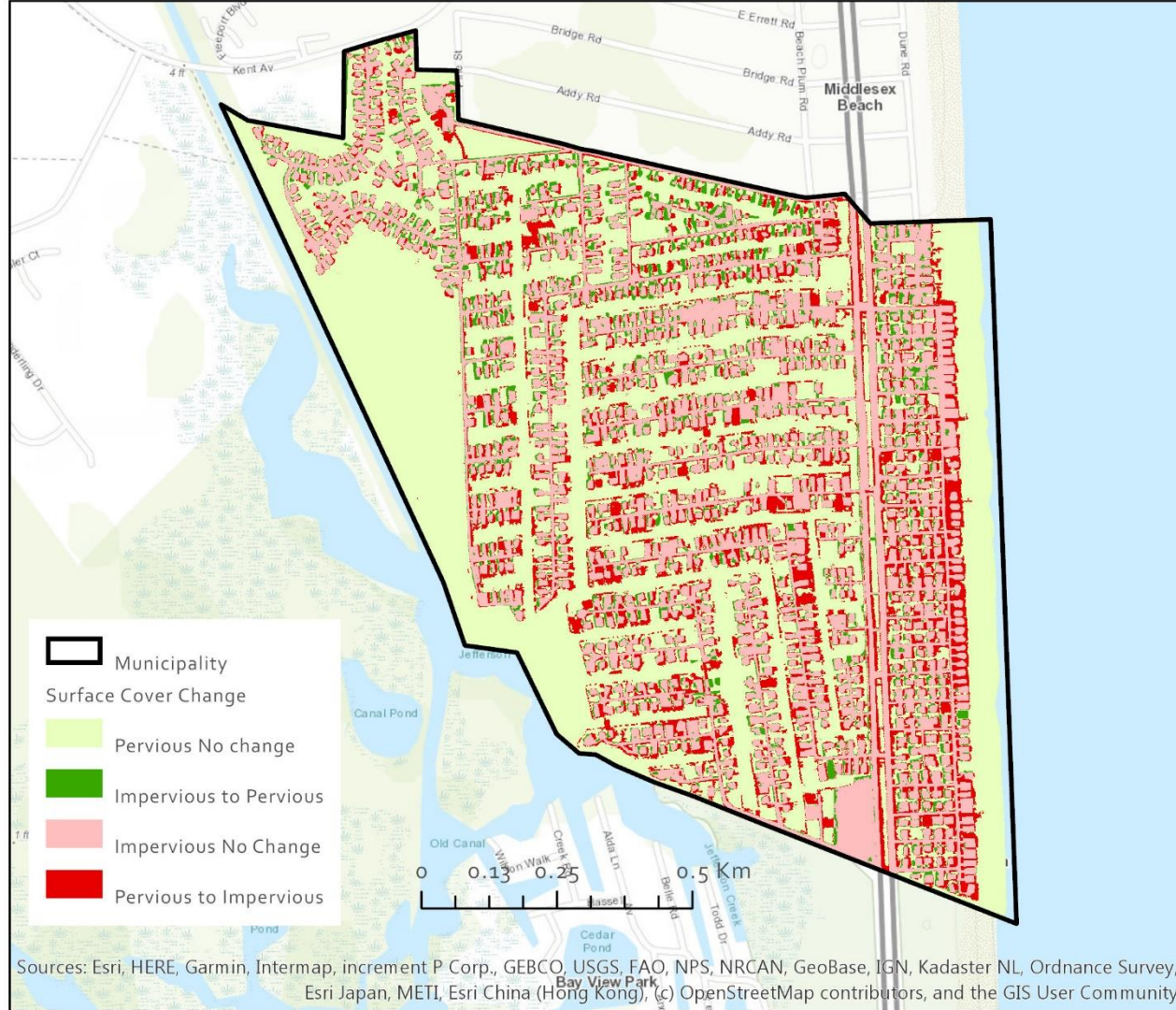


## Bethany Beach



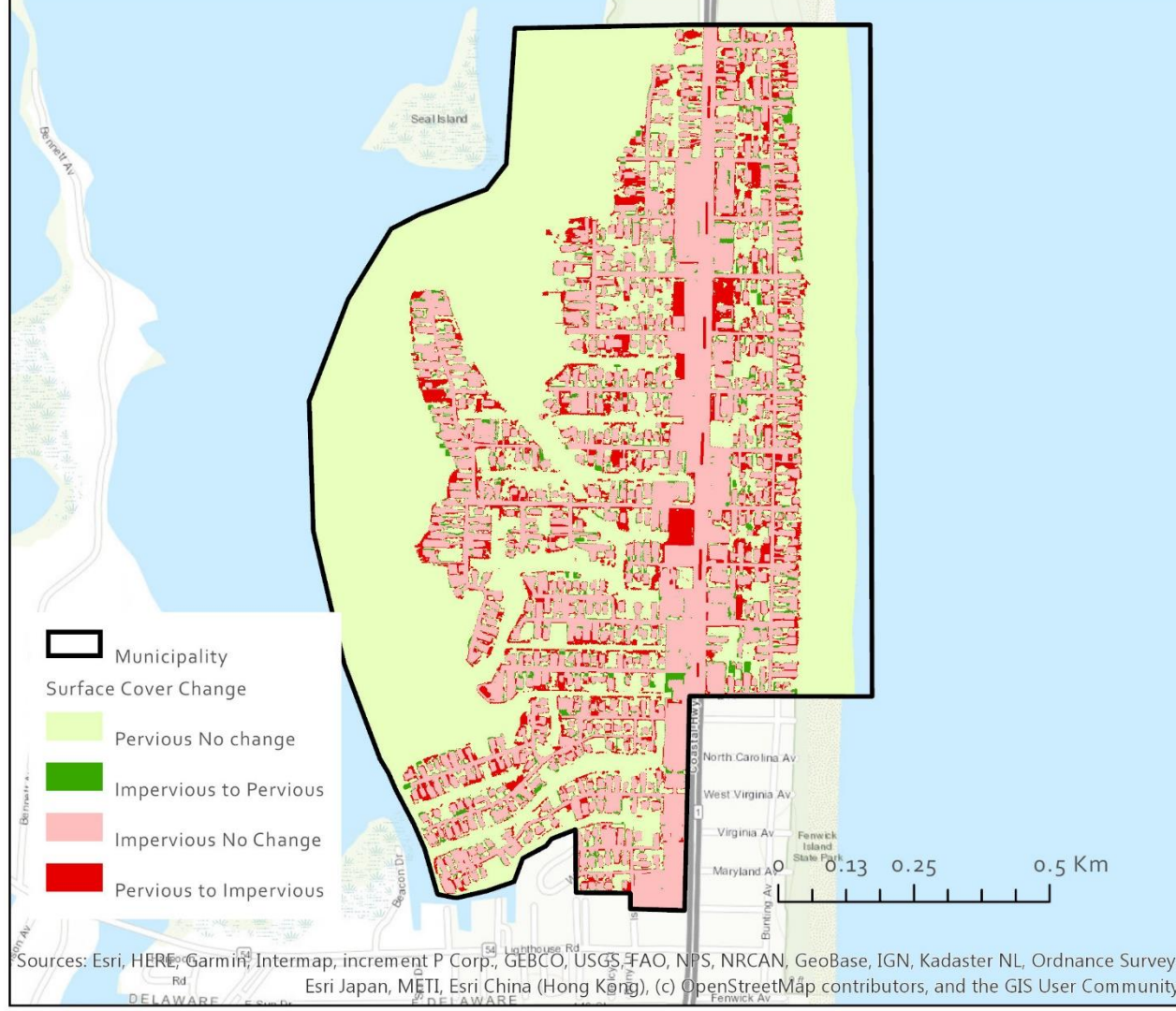


# South Bethany





# Fenwick Island



# Non-Public Impervious Surface Area

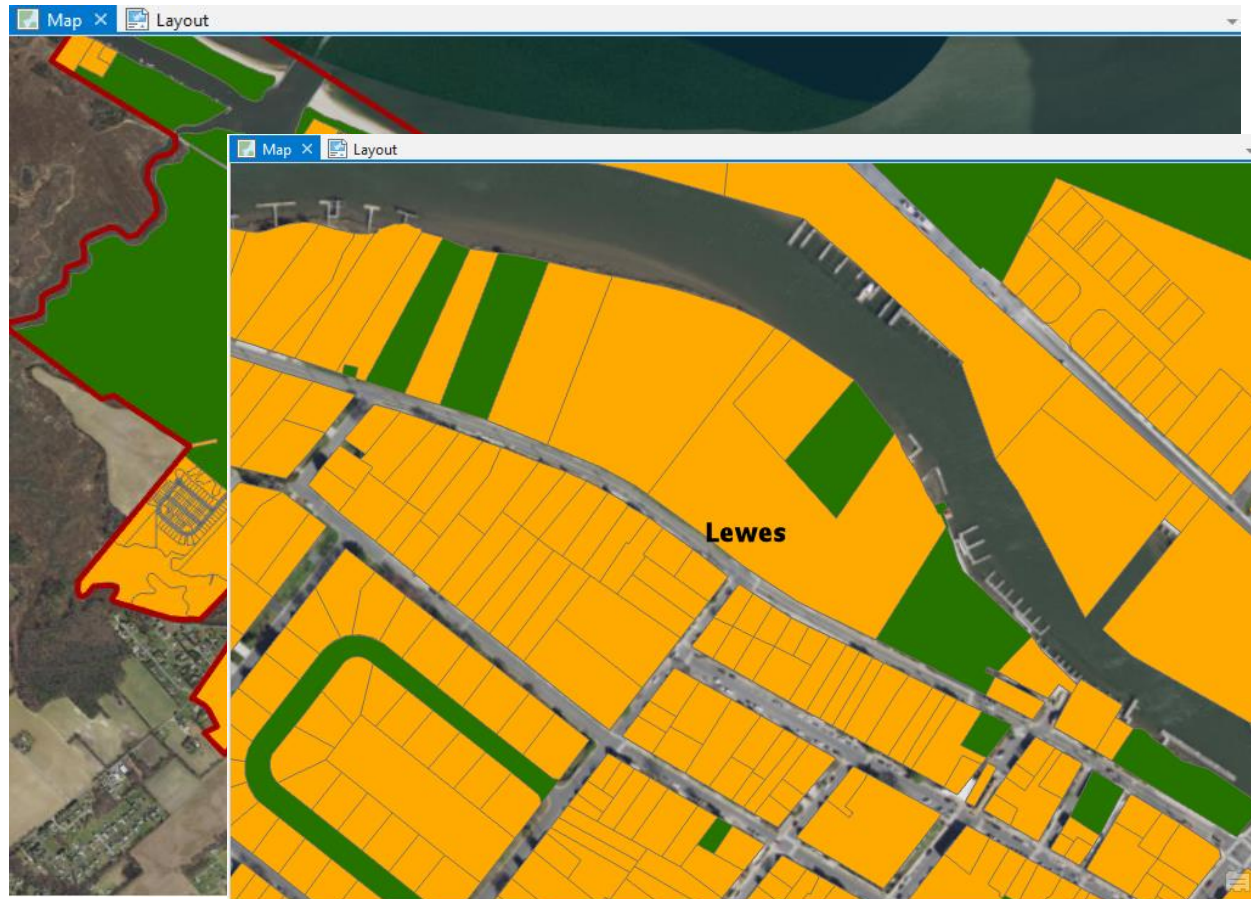


# Processing

**Private land areas separated** from public designated land (streets, parking areas, etc.) using Sussex County Parcel data obtained from Sussex County Mapping and Addressing Department

**Private** (orange) and **public** (green) parcels visible that are bounded by the roads and a canal.

Lewes' total parcel area of  $9.6 \text{ km}^2$  and municipality area of  $11.9 \text{ km}^2$ .





# Private Impervious Surface Area

Municipality	Private Area <sup>1</sup>	2007 Delaware Layer		2016 Conservancy Layer		% Private Change <sup>3</sup>
		Private Imp Sfc <sup>1</sup>	% Imp Sfc Private <sup>2</sup>	Private Imp Sfc <sup>1</sup>	% Imp Sfc Private <sup>2</sup>	
Bethany Beach	2.18	0.78	35.98	0.89	40.96	4.98
Dewey Beach	0.54	0.35	64.54	0.34	64.10	-0.44
Fenwick Island	0.58	0.29	50.03	0.35	60.31	10.28
Henlopen Acres	0.37	0.09	23.51	0.09	23.48	-0.03
Lewes	4.90	1.21	24.59	1.36	27.64	3.05
Rehoboth Beach	1.69	0.82	48.25	0.82	48.56	0.31
South Bethany	0.79	0.34	43.01	0.41	52.17	9.15

<sup>1</sup>square kilometers

<sup>2</sup>Private impervious surface area divided by total private land (%)

<sup>3</sup>2016 Chesapeake percent private impervious surface area minus 2007 Delaware percent private impervious surface area

